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Completed justice audit under wraps

SAFETY An external audit of the justice department is done but you can't read it yet. The province got Deloitte & Touche to examine its safety procedures after inmate Jermaine Carvery escaped in April.

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke got the report yesterday but isn't releasing it to the public until he's had a chance to analyze it.

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Barack Obama, his wife Michelle and their daughters Malia (right) and Sasha wave to supporters at his election night rally after being declared the winner of the 2008 presidential election.

OBAMA ELECTED

Senator to become first black president after historic vote

Barack Obama completed a journey last night that had once been unthinkable, becoming the first African-American president in U.S. history and raising hopes this nation had entered a new, post-racial era.

The rookie U.S. senator from Illinois reshaped the American electoral map in his victory over Republican John McCain and stands poised to also redefine the way the world looks at this nation.

A presidential bid first forged on the themes of hope and change — then carried home by a candidate who personified calm and cool — came 45 years after Martin Luther King told the world he had a dream.

Millions of African-Americans who had lived lives of

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oppression and discrimination in this country helped craft Obama's victory, joined by many millions across the racial spectrum who ultimately decided race could be no barrier to electing a president in

There were any number of milestones passed in this country on a night that will be studied by generations to come.

2008.

Early returns contained one important message last night — there was no indication Obama's race was a defining issue in this election.

With the world watching intently, Obama appeared to seal his victory with easy wins in Ohio and Pennsyl-

vania, the latter the one Democratic state in which McCain and his running mate, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, had chosen to make their last stand in a 21-month campaign.

Obama and McCain traded wins in states considered safe for their respective parties early last night,

will be studied by generations to come.

A country thought to be centre-right had elected a man perceived as a liberal, and a northern liberal at that, the first Democrat from north of the Mason-Dixon Line to be elected since John F. Kennedy in 1960.

Obama would become only the third senator to move directly to the White House and the first ever elected without completing his first term. He was also seeking to become the first Democrat to win more than 50 per cent of the vote since Jimmy Carter in 1976.

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McCain calls for united support

DECISION Republican John McCain congratulated Democrat Barack Obama on winning the presidency Tuesday, saying "the American people have spoken."

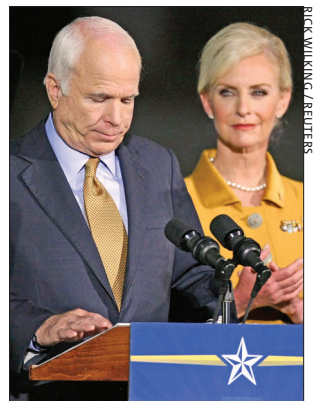
McCain addressed his supporters at a Phoenix hotel after telephoning Obama to concede the election to him.

The 72-year-old Arizona senator urged Americans to rally behind Obama, saying he planned to help Obama tackle the many challenges facing Americans.

"Whatever our differences, we are fellow Americans and please believe me when I say no association has meant more to me than that," McCain said.

"It is natural tonight to feel some disappointment but tomorrow we must move beyond it," said McCain, who hailed his vice presidential running mate Sarah Palin as a vital new voice in the Republican Party.

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John McCain stands with his wife Cindy as he delivers his concession speech in Phoenix, Ariz. last night.

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Not everyone moves to the big city

Rural population has stayed fairly steady in Canada at about six million since 1981, says Statistics Canada. But a growing population in large cities means rural residents have declined to 19 per cent of the total population. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



Will it be a good year to ski?

Nothing gets us talking like the weather. On Remembrance Day, CBC-TV anchorman Peter Coade will air a special winter forecast. He'll visit the Canadian Meteorological Centre in Montreal and the Climate Prediction Centre near Washington, D.C., and tell us if it's going to be a good ski season.

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A Barack Obama supporter attends a civil rights event at Mount Saint Vincent University last night. About 30 people watched U.S. election results and cheered for Barack Obama.

'This is Obama's destiny'

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About 30 people gathered to watch history in the making last night.

"This is (Barack) Obama's destiny and this is our destiny," said Reverend Rhonda Britton.

A civil rights event hosted at Mount Saint Vincent University drew leaders of the African Nova Scotian community to watch election results and cheer for the first black president of the United States.

To kick the evening off, the speakers filed into the auditorium singing "We shall overcome." They reflected on the civil rights movement and what Obama's

"This 2008 presidential election is nothing less than a historical phenomenon, not just for the U.S., but for Canada and the rest of the world. We happen to be alive not only to see history in the making, but being a part of that history."

Rhonda Britton

ma's presidency will mean.

"This 2008 presidential election is nothing less than a historical phenomenon, not just for the U.S., but for Canada and the rest of the world," Britton said.

"We happen to be alive not only to see history in the making, but being a part of that history."

Before they settled in to watch the results, Britton

said Obama's expected victory restores hope for the next generation and that a person's merit outweighs their race.

"Nothing, my friends, nothing happens by chance."

Citizenship Judge Linda Carvery said she thinks the world is on a precipice of positive change.

"I feel like we're on the starting line and for each one of you it's going to be

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different."

MLA Percy Paris said everyone will always remember where they were the night Obama was elected president.

"This has gripped the world," he said.

He expressed concern for Obama's safety and the security it takes to keep him and his family safe.

"I'm scared for his life," he said. "What a loss that would be to the world."

Paris also urged vigilance in the fight against racism and discrimination. Even with Obama's win, Paris said they must continue to inspire and support young people.

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Obama win inspires Canadian politician

POLITICS Barack Obama's win as president is an inspiration to at least one black politician north of the border.

Catherine Meade, a Liberal candidate who lost the federal riding to NDP Megan Leslie, said the fact Obama ran as a credible candidate and won is exciting and inspiring.

"In Canada we like to think that we are superior to the U.S. on race issues, but in truth their senate and congress is full of people of colour whereas our House of Commons is not," Meade said.

Obama's rise to the White House is exciting, but so far Meade said she hasn't seen

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any effects of his success across the border. I can be excited for the people in the U.S. but whether that will

translate over here is a whole other story. As a black human being, regardless of what I do for a living, yeah that's exciting."

As for her own political aspirations,

Meade, a lawyer, said

she'll see what opportunities will come in the future.

"But I certainly very much enjoyed and learned from this last election and we'll just have to see what happens."

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News in brief

ADOPTION More than 100 kids are waiting to be adopted in this province. It's Adoption Awareness Month and the Community Services department is encouraging families to consider adoption. Within the last year, 105 children were adopted by families. Most of the kids are school age and have had 'difficult life experiences.' Single, common-law partners and married people can qualify to adopt as long as they are older than 19.

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What's online today.

U.S. Election Coverage

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Who says SMU's football team are the only Huskies worth noticing? On Nov. 1, the computer science Huskies finished seventh at the Northeast North American finals, against teams like MIT, Harvard, Brown, McGill and Concordia. They won't get to compete in the finals in Sweden. **METRO HALIFAX**

NDP hammers premier over ATVs

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POLITICS The government's controversial ATV program came back to haunt it again yesterday, with the NDP releasing new documents that put pressure on Premier Rodney MacDonald.

Back in June the premier said he hadn't known about the program to spend \$230,000 on 66 child-sized all-terrain vehicles. After the cost became public and caused an outcry, the plan was denounced by the premier and scrapped. Yesterday the NDP Leader Darrell Dexter released documents

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Rodney MacDonald

showing seven departments and many groups outside the government knew about the plan. Dexter stopped short of saying the Premier lied about not knowing, but asked how he could be in the dark.

"It's, for my part, hard to believe that something could go through this many hands and never come to the notice of the premier."

The premier stood by his previous statements that he only found out about the program when everyone else did. He said he'd already dealt with the issue when his government admitted its mistake, and moved the profile away from the minister responsible, Barry Barnett of Health Protection.

"I think the people of Nova Scotia expect us to be focused on much bigger issues. Yesterday we had a finance minister's meeting across the country in regards to equalization issues, we have world economy issues that are happening in the global market... They're talking about ATVs," said MacDonald.

NOTICE

November 11 is an opportunity for all Nova Scotians to pause and remember the gallant service and sacrifice made by those men and women who served our country.

In order to honour our valued veterans, the Province of Nova Scotia would like to remind everyone of the policies put in place to ensure the sanctity of Remembrance Day is respected.

For employers:

The Remembrance Day Act prohibits the sale of goods or real property in most industries on November 11.

Information on Remembrance Day business closings is available in the Remembrance Day Act from the Department of Justice at

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If you are unsure, consult the act and your lawyer for an opinion.

For Employees:

Many employees who are required to work on Remembrance Day are entitled to a holiday with pay at a later date.

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A pedestrian crosses the intersection of Stokil Drive and Beaver Bank Road yesterday. A 10-year-old girl was hit by a car while crossing the intersection earlier in the day.

Concern at crosswalks

Two drivers charged after young students hit

Two drivers face charges after two girls were hit in two metro crosswalks.

The first incident happened on Monday after school when girls were crossing a crosswalk on Astral Drive. A 17-year-old girl was hit and taken to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

The second incident occurred yesterday just before 8 a.m. when two stu-

\$2,000

The penalties for failing to yield to pedestrians include \$500 for a first offense, \$1,000 for a second and \$2,000 for a third.

dents were on their way to school in Sackville.

The children were crossing the crosswalk at the

corner of Stokil Drive and Beaver Bank Road when a car struck a 10-year-old girl.

The girl was rushed to the hospital with minor injuries.

Both drivers face charges for failing to yield the right of way to pedestrians.

Police are warning drivers to use extreme caution and slow down when approaching crosswalks and school zones. **METRO HALIFAX**

Spanking kids dying out: Expert

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BEHAVIOUR Spanking kids could cost more than you think.

"Children learn so much from modeling after their parents and teachers. Hitting a child is very powerful and potent modeling of aggressive behaviour," said Ron Ensom.

Ensom is an expert on child and youth discipline from Ottawa. He's visiting the IWK this week discussing his research.

"The research reinforces that they replay this behaviour with peers."

It can lead to bullying and violent behaviour down the road. Plus it just doesn't work as a discipline technique, he said.

"What so many people have been doing with children for so long with the best of intentions simply isn't useful as a discipli-



Ron Ensom

nary technique, but not to suggest for a moment children don't need discipline."

A price tag can be pinned on physical discipline. Ensom said 75 per cent of physical abuse cases in Canada has roots in physical discipline, and \$16 billion a year is spent on responding to child abuse.

"Imagine what we could do with \$16 billion if we're not spending it on responding to the harm it's done to children, a signifi-

cant part of that harm being a result of physical discipline."

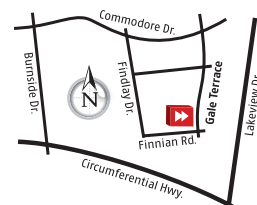
The answer is middle-of-the-road parenting, said Robin Walker with the IWK. Studies show both ends of the parenting spectrum — authoritarian and passive — show poor outcomes.

"It's the middle ground — authoritative, not authoritarian. You are a parent. You're not your kid's best buddy and you do set limits and you use discipline, just not physical discipline."

Fewer parents are spanking their kids today versus two or three decades ago and there are fewer proponents of it, Ensom said.

"We do know from some pretty good public opinion surveys done in Canada that younger parents are much less in favour of this than older parents," he said. "That's very encouraging."

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NDP pushing province for cigarillos ban

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KIDS HEALTH The NDP tried to put more pressure on the province to ban flavoured cigarillos yesterday, but the government says it's already being covered.

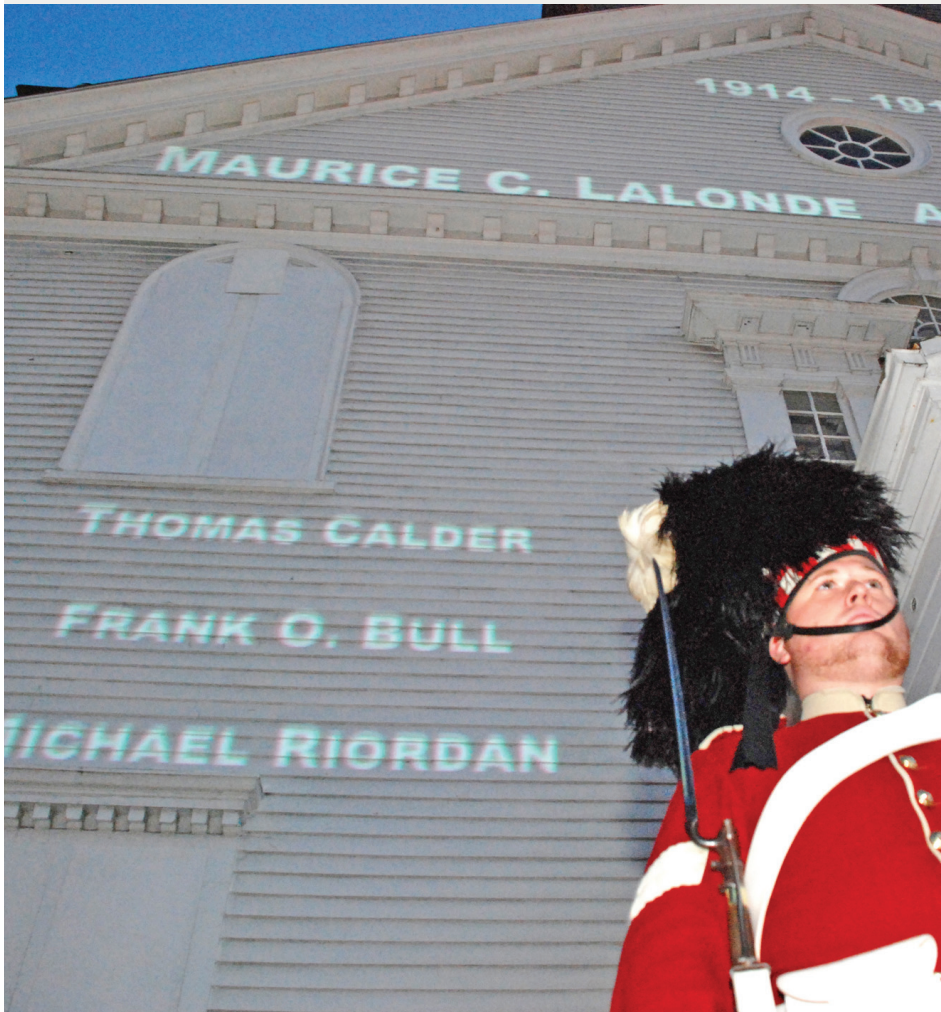
Department of Health Promotion and Protection Minister Barry Barnett said the smokes will be gone one way or another because the federal government plans their own ban.

NDP critic Joan Massey brought up the issue during question period at the legislature yesterday, noting flavoured cigarillos are smoked mostly by young people and many health groups want them banned.

"Mr. Speaker why won't the minister take his own advice and ban flavoured cigarillos so more kids won't get hooked on these starter tobacco products," asked Massey.

But Barnett said the federal government assured him in September they will try to institute a nation-wide ban in December.

Vigil First World War soldiers



John Todd Martin from the 78th Highlanders stands in front of St. Paul's Anglican Church as the names of soldiers killed during the First World War are projected during the Vigil 1914-1918 ceremony yesterday.



The Canada Border Services Agency seized \$11-million worth of heroin hidden like insulation in cardboard boxes of towels at the Port of Halifax. Four men, including an 82-year-old, were later arrested and charged in Toronto.

Border seizes \$11M of heroin

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Border guards seized \$11 million worth of heroin hidden in a shipment of cotton towels in the Port of Halifax.

The Canada Border Services Agency said its officers discovered 27.8 kilograms of heroin Oct. 22 while searching a marine container from Pakistan bound for Ontario.

Using an X-ray machine, officers saw dark images they suspected were heroin inside 81 of the 430 cardboard boxes.

When they opened them, they found 161 packages of heroin packed like insulation into the sides of the boxes.

It's the first time heroin has even been discovered in the Port of Halifax.

"Certainly our intelligence tells us heroin production and smuggling is a prime source of funding for terrorist groups in the area to which this has come from," said Alonzo MacNeil, Canada Border Services Agency spokesman.

Officers stripped the drugs out, then repackaged and resealed the boxes and shipped them to Ontario.

"It was removed just in case we lost control of it," RCMP spokesman Cpl. Marc LaPointe said.

Police tracked the shipment to a Toronto area business and later arrested four men, including an 82-year-old, from Ontario and British Columbia.

LaPorte said police knew the men were involved because they only removed the 81 boxes found to contain

heroin. "That shows knowledge that they knew exactly what they were doing," LaPorte said.

Tran Van Dinh, 42, and Quyen Ngoc Thuyen Nguyen, 39, both from Ajax, Ont.; Donald Andrew Steward, 82, of Lake Country, BC; and Vinh Thanh Nguyen, 47, of Brampton, Ont. were charged with importing heroin, drug trafficking and conspiracy to import heroin. Dinh faces an additional charge for possessing explosives.

Awaiting bail

- The men are in custody in Toronto and are awaiting a bail hearing sometime this week.
- The 27.8 kilograms of heroin equals at least 270,000 doses.

Bust prompts questions

POLICE The first heroin bust in the Port of Halifax has border services wondering if this is just the beginning.

"It's well known within the law enforcement that the production of heroin out of there is on the increase," Canadian Border Services spokesman Alonzo MacNeil said.

While he says clearly border services procedures worked well in this case, they're going to review them. "(We will) perhaps make some tweaks here and there to ensure we've got that covered off even better."

Previous marine busts have involved primarily cocaine and hashish, he added.

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NDP wants province to boost funding for autism programs

More autistic children should get provincial money for early intensive behavioral intervention treatment program, the NDP says. Currently, 27 children per year get the in-depth therapy; there are about 1,800 autistic children in the province. **METRO HALIFAX**

20 Cape Breton youths charged with 'bombing'

More than 20 youths have been charged, and more charges are pending, as a result of a police investigation into a new criminal activity — 'bombing'.

"Bombing is this phenomenon out there where young people are getting together and bombarding house, cars, with rocks and even boulders," said Insp. Peter McIsaac of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service.

"This is something new. We haven't heard of it before."

McIsaac said police first encountered the problem a few months ago.

In one case, a River Ryan couple returned home from vacation to find more than \$5,000 in damage to their home.

"Their home was bombarded," McIsaac said. "All their windows were destroyed. More than 100 rocks were found inside their house."

He said the impact on the community is overwhelming.

"There is one elderly lady who feels she is a target now and is unable to sleep at night."

In New Waterford, one homeowner's windows have been broken so many times that his insurance company cancelled his policy, McIsaac said.

Const. Phillip Ross, one of the investigating officers, said the youth involved are between the ages of 12 and 16.

He said there were several dozen incidents the past couple months, including as many as 15 in the past week alone.

Numerous charges were laid last month and 20 more charges were added last week.

Police set up surveillance cameras on some of the houses targeted and officers have hidden in nearby woods for the offenders.

Halifax Commons Playing around



Amy Rudolph spins her poi sticks at the Halifax Commons yesterday afternoon.

Cumberland county landfill extinguishes load of flaming trash

LITTLE FORKS Workers at Cumberland County's central landfill got a bit of a surprise on Monday.

A garbage truck came in to the landfill just before 8:30 a.m. with a load of garbage that was on fire.

"Our workers were quick to react and any major problems were averted by their quick thinking," solid waste manager Steve Rayworth said. "They immediately moved the burning garbage away from the area."

The Springhill Fire Department was called to the scene and spent about 30 minutes dumping foam and water on the burning garbage until the fire was extinguished.

"It wasn't that hard a fire

to fight and we were pretty quick at putting it out," Springhill fire chief Fred Arseneault said.

Rayworth said landfill staff are investigating the incident and are working with the unidentified garbage hauler to determine the origin of the garbage. He indicated it was from a commercial source, not residential.

The fire, he said, shows that the landfill's emergency action plan works. He also pointed out that landfill operations were quick to resume.

"We got notice of the fire at about 8:25 a.m. and things were back in operation by 9:50 a.m.," Rayworth said.

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Aboriginal leaders in Saskatchewan are calling for a public inquiry into the deaths of First Nations people who have been shot by police. The call comes in the wake of last week's coroner's inquest into the 2006 death of Delbert Pelletier, which some family members said left questions unanswered. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Manley out of leadership race

Former deputy prime minister John Manley, left, will not run in the upcoming Liberal leadership race, he said in a statement yesterday. Last week, Manley openly considered tossing his hat into the ring, but expressed uncertainty about entering what would be his second leadership contest. In a letter sent to colleagues and supporters, Manley said he "consulted broadly" with family and friends and was "greatly moved" by the offers of support and financial help.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Ontario blames federal MPs for economic woes

EQUALIZATION Stung by Ontario's plunge into "have-not" status, the provincial Liberal government is blaming MPs from all parties for not doing enough to help Canada's one-time economic titan.

One day after the ignominious revelation that Ontario is now among Canada's poor provinces qualifying for \$347 million in federal equalization handouts for the first time, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan was in fighting form.

"We have 106 federal members, we need to have them start standing up for Ontario," Duncan complained yesterday.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quebec aims to have a balanced budget

Quebec's minority Liberal government said yesterday it would maintain balanced budgets in 2008-09 and 2009-10, despite the global financial crisis, and promised the province would avoid a recession.

Finance Minister Monique Jerome-Forget also forecast there would be an election soon. Premier Jean Charest is widely expected to trigger an election campaign today for a Dec. 8 vote.

Exports account for half Quebec's gross domestic product and Jerome-Forget said the predominantly French-speaking province of 7.5 million people was suffering from the slowdown in the United States, which takes 75 per cent of its exports.

"I am not here to tell Quebecers that everything is just fine. The economic slowdown is real and the global financial crisis is cause for concern," she said before presenting an economic update.

The government cut its forecast for Quebec's economic growth in 2008 to 0.8 per cent from the 1.5 per cent it predicted in its March budget.

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Vancouver Olympics' impact on housing



Claire Mahon, an international housing-rights activist, speaks outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday. Mahon, the principal author of the 2007 report entitled Fair Play for Housing Rights: Mega-Events, Olympic Games and Housing Events, warned that a study of seven different Olympic cities around the world found that local residents were the biggest losers when it came to the impact of the games on housing.

News in brief

ELECTION Former premier B.C. Ujjal Dosanjh recaptured what many thought was the safest federal Liberal seat in B.C. with a mere 20 votes over Tory Wai Young in the Vancouver South riding, a second judicial recount found yesterday.

TASER The RCMP officers involved in the Taser incident of Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski will be subpoenaed to appear at the inquiry into his death, the hearing's judge announced yesterday.

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Obama wins the Hispanic vote

In the final stretches of the U.S. presidential election, more than three quarters of likely Hispanic voters said they supported Democrat Barack Obama over Republican John McCain. **REUTERS**

Election USA

Cleared

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was cleared of wrongdoing in an abuse-of-power investigation into the firing of the state's public safety commissioner.

REUTERS



U.S. presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama supporters cheer and embrace each other after hearing that Ohio would be called for Obama while watching 2008 election results in Times Square in New York yesterday.

Obama victory signals a shift in U.S. race relations

For Americans burdened by a sense of history, something once unthinkable has happened. The United States has elected a black president.

What has changed in terms of race to enable Democratic candidate Barack Obama's defeat of Republican John McCain and what might change as a result?

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said his satisfaction at Obama's success was conditioned by a sense of history. Jackson witnessed the assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968 and twice ran for president in the 1980s.

"His (Obama) winning means America's getting better. We are more mature.

"We are less anxious around each other," he said in an interview.

Jackson put the election in the context of the movement to end racial segregation in the South in the 1950s and 1960s and win voting rights for blacks in the teeth of violent opposition.

"I know so many people white, black and Jewish who marched and were martyred. I wish that those who paid the supreme sacrifice could see the results of their labors," he said.

One surprise apparent in the earliest primaries in which parties chose their nominees was the support Obama attracted among whites voters.

At the same time, black voters were integral to Obama's success, swinging a number of states in his favor.

And Obama went out of his way to embrace black voters and their concerns, most notably in a high-profile speech on race in March.

Those factors deal a blow to black scepticism about their role in politics and a lingering sense of disenfranchisement.

"The first thing Obama's presidency means for black people is, at least momentarily, a sense of full citizenship," said Melissa Harris-Lacewell, a political science professor at Princeton University.

Just as the election could change the way blacks perceive politics and their place in U.S. society, it could also alter the way they are perceived, particularly if Obama's administration gains a reputation for competence.

Conservative leader Newt Gingrich said Obama's rise reflected changes that have already taken place.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her predecessor Colin Powell proved that blacks could deal at the highest levels in government, he said.

"It begins to be accepted that young men and women of color who can certainly dream the biggest dreams," Gingrich said.

"America has moved beyond any narrowly defined sense of racism," said the former Speaker of the House in an interview.

Stubborn facts, however, point towards persistent inequality that Obama may struggle to tackle given the downturn facing the U.S. economy.

Black senators

Obama is only America's fifth black senator. Other black senators include:

- Hiram Revels, elected in 1870 to the U.S. Senator as a Republican from Mississippi, where there was a black majority after the Civil War. Served until 1871.
- Blanche Bruce — elected in 1875 as a Republican from Mississippi. Served until 1881
- Edward Brooke — A Massachusetts Republican, served between 1967 and 1979.
- Carol Moseley Braun — An Illinois Democratic senator between 1993 and 1999.

Black Americans make up around 13 percent of the population, but earn less money and are less healthy than the general population.

Reports show blacks are also more likely to be unemployed, less likely to own property and more likely to be convicted and jailed for crimes.

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Harper gives congrats

The following are quotes from Prime Minister Stephen Harper following Barack Obama's victory in last night's election:

"I look forward to meeting with the President-elect so that we can continue to strengthen the special bond that exists between Canada and the United States.

"In the weeks and months ahead Canadian officials and diplomats will be working closely with members of President-elect Obama's transition team. Ministers in our government look forward to building a strong working relationship with their counterparts in a new Obama cabinet."

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Phoenix On the losing end



U.S. Republican presidential nominee Senator John McCain speaks to the crowd during his election night rally in Phoenix yesterday. He later conceded defeat to Obama.

China welcomes Obama amid many financial fears

China welcomed Barack Obama as a youthful president-elect with the energy to tackle the financial crisis now threatening their economy and an ethnic heritage that could help America reach out to the rest of the world.

Excitement about the billion dollar race filtered down to the streets of Beijing on Wednesday.

Beijing is where ordinary Chinese citizens who have never voted them-

selves and some who could not even name the candidates embraced Obama's message of change.

"The black guy is a good choice, he has so much more energy than the other one, who was far too old," said Han Xue, a new father who runs a small cigarette and alcohol store.

"Really I never thought a black man could become president."

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"Really I never thought a black man could become president."

Han Xue

Election USA



Homeless head to the polls

Hundreds of first-time voters cast ballot on Skid Row

Frederick Williams, a Marine Corps veteran scraping by on unemployment benefits, describes his living situation as "not homeless, but close to it" and says he never cared enough to vote — until yesterday.

At age 43, Williams shuffled into a Los Angeles homeless shelter carrying his worldly belongings in a small travel case and a knotted plastic bag and proudly cast the first ballot of his life with guidance from poll workers.

Williams said he voted for Barack Obama, whose message of hope and bid to

"It's very exciting to see people who are often forgotten and disenfranchised engaging in one of the most basic rights that we have as American citizens."

Orlando Ward

become the first black president of the United States stirred him like no other politician.

"This is history in the making. I wanted to be part of that," said Williams, who lives in a transient hotel a few blocks from the polling station at the Los Angeles Mission. "For once in my lifetime ... someone really

cares about the small people out there."

Williams was one of hundreds of people — many first-time voters lacking permanent dwellings — who cast ballots this year on L.A.'s Skid Row, a 50-block downtown area believed to harbour the highest concentration of homeless in the United States.

Spokesman Orlando

Ward for the nearby Midnight Mission said the numbers that turned out yesterday were unprecedented.

"It's very exciting to see people who are often forgotten and disenfranchised engaging in one of the most basic rights that we have as American citizens," Ward said.

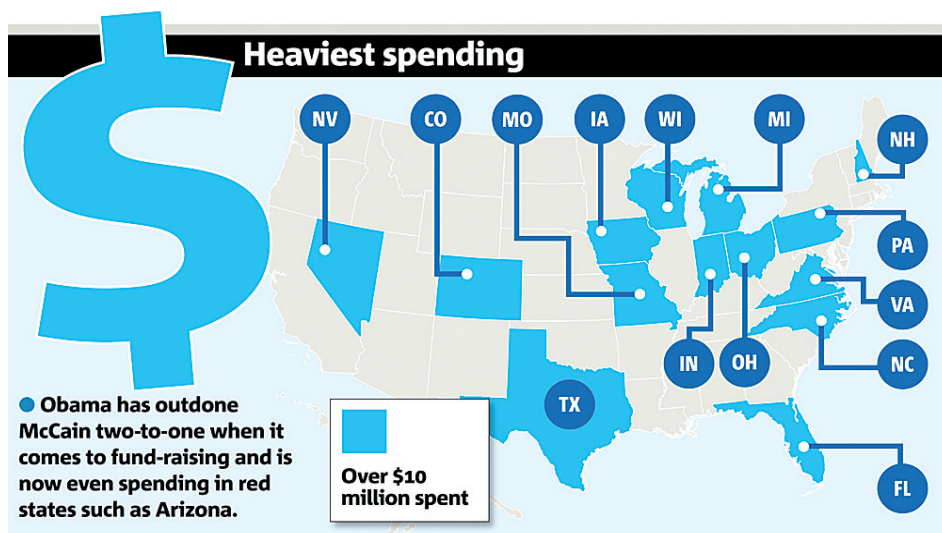
By late morning, more than 300 voters, many of them homeless, had filed through the polling station at Midnight Mission, at least 10 times more than showed up all day during the last presidential election, he said. **REUTERS**

Austria Democrats Abroad



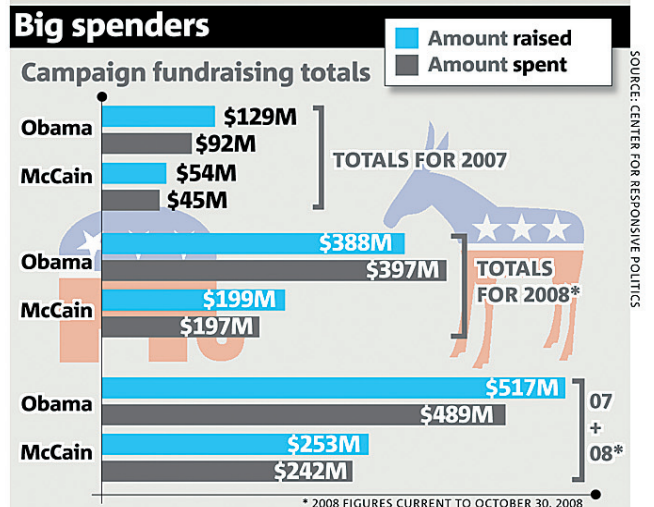
Supporters of the Democrats cheer as they follow the U.S. presidential elections in Austria. Democrats Abroad, the overseas branch of the Democratic Party, were holding gatherings and parties worldwide to follow voting results in the U.S.

Obama doubles McCain's fundraising numbers in presidential race



NEW YORK. We new this was going to be an expensive election when Federal Election Commission officials argued that for any candidate to be taken seriously in the 2008 election, he or she would have to have raised at least \$100 million by the end of 2007.

Now, after candidates, particularly on the Democratic side, have continuously broken fundraising records, the combined amount raised and spent has broken the \$1 billion mark. Here's a look at who got what and where it went **METRO**



Democrat sweep a victory for green energy

POWER A Democratic U.S. election sweep is thrilling solar and wind power investors because this outcome is seen as a big step toward establishing federal requirements for alternative power generation.

Analysts said a national mandate for generating renewable power would be a

relatively easy first step in any "green" agenda because dozens of states already have such policies, and the cost to a cash-strapped government would be negligible.

"A Democratic Congress and Democratic president: I think almost certainly there will be a federal re-

newable portfolio standard," David Crane, chief executive of power company NRG Energy Inc, told Reuters.

That sentiment is shared by many in the energy sector who see an increase in government support coming as way to help jump start the economy. **REUTERS**



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Dollar rises after drop

The U.S. dollar rose against a basket of major currencies yesterday after posting its biggest one-day slide in 13 years the previous day, when a thaw in credit markets pointed to a recovery in investor risk appetite. **REUTERS**

**Election USA****Eight years later: The Bush administration's legacy**

As the U.S. prepares to bid farewell to George W. Bush, his eight-year administration has brought an increased budget deficit, the dollar far lower against other currencies, his approval ratings plummeting and support for the Iraq war ebbing away. **METRO**

THE ECONOMY

	2000	2008
● Unemployment	4 percent (average)	5.4 percent (average) ↑
● Federal budget deficit	SURPLUS of \$230 billion	DEFICIT of \$455 billion (as of October 15) ↑
● Inflation	3.38% (average)	5% (average) ↑
● Currency rate	Jan. 20, 2000: (first day of Bush presidency): \$1 = 0.65 (U.K. Sterling), 1.01 (Euro)	Oct. 31, 2008: \$1 = 0.62 (U.K. Sterling), 0.79 (Euro) ↓

INTERIOR POLICY**Bush approval ratings**

● **Highest: Sept. 21-25, 2001:**
86%



● **Lowest: Oct. 23-26, 2008:**
22%

Seats in Congress

2001: Senate: 50 Democrats, 50 Republicans; House: 212 D, 221 R, 2 Independents
2003: Senate: 49 D, 51 R; House: 204 D, 229 R, 1 I
2005: Senate: 45 D, 55 R; House: 202 D, 232 R, 1 I
2007: Senate: 51 D, 49 R; House: 233 D, 202 R

FOREIGN POLICY**Iraq War:**

● **Should the U.S. have invaded Iraq?**

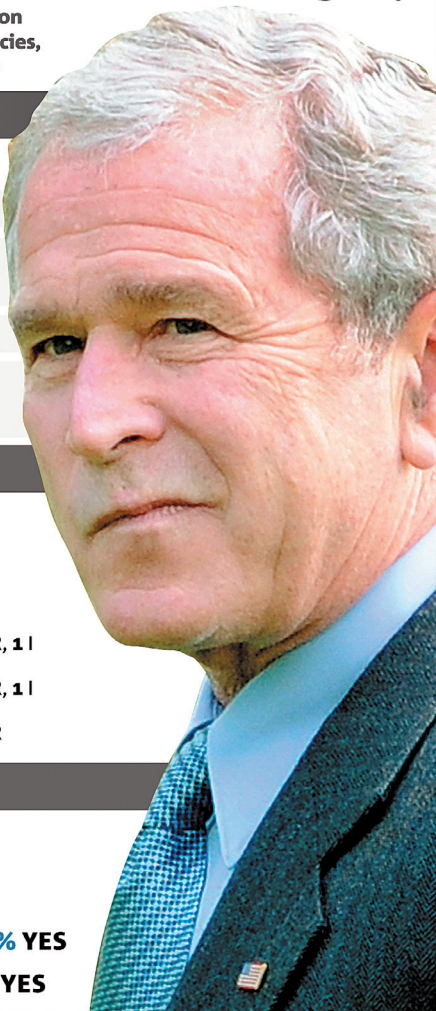
March 2003: 72% say YES, 22% say NO

Feb. 2008: 38% say YES, 54% say NO

● **Should U.S. withdraw troops?**

March 2003: 64% NO, 32% YES

Feb. 2008: 47% NO, 49% YES



SOURCES: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR/PW RESEARCH CENTER PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

Democrats secure Senate

Democrats expanded their U.S. Senate majority yesterday, but failed to beat one of their top targets, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Two former Democratic governors, Mark Warner of Virginia and Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire won seats held by Republicans, retiring Sen. John Warner and Sen. John Sununu, respectively.

Also, Republican Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, wife of 1996 Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole, was unseated by Democratic state senator Kay Hagan.

By adding three seats with more than a dozen Senate contests yet to be decided at press time, Democrats had temporarily increased their majority by three to 54-46.

Riding a wave of resentment against Republican President Bush, Democrats had a plausible shot to reach 60, the number needed to clear Republican hurdles for their first filibuster-proof

Dole denied

● Republican Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, wife of 1996 presidential nominee Bob Dole, was unseated by Democratic state senator Kay Hagan.

majority in three decades.

But they were unable to unseat McConnell, who survived a challenge by Democratic businessman Bruce Lunsford, based on opposition to the Republican's support for the \$700-billion US Wall Street bailout.

A total of 35 Senate seats were up for election, 23 now held by Republicans the others by Democrats.

All 435 House seats were up for election. Heading into the election, Democrats control the chamber, 235-199 with one vacancy. They were expected to pickup as many as 30 or more seats, giving them their biggest House majority since the mid-1980s. **REUTERS**

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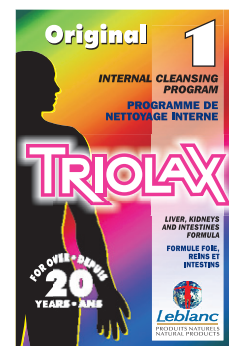
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Maybe it's time to pull plug on Tasers

The WestView

Paul Sullivan

Journalist & media consultant

A guy in Calgary died Monday after being Tasered by police during a break-in.

A few days before that, a man in Edmonton died after police subdued him with a Taser while he was allegedly wreaking havoc at a pawn shop.

people have died after being Tasered since use began in 1999; yet officials resist calls for a moratorium while we study this, uh, shocking trend. The latest assurance was issued by Alberta's solicitor general Fred Lindsay after the Edmonton death...two days before the Calgary death.

"I believe the Taser is a tool that's been used very effectively and in a lot of cases has prevented death," said Fred. Is it just me, or do his words ring hollow, bookended by Taser-related fatalities three days apart?

And lest we forget, it was just over a year ago when the RCMP set off a Taser-re-

"If Alberta's solicitor general thinks Tasers are safe, he should step up and take a shot or two in order to prove his thesis."

lated international incident. Polish traveller Robert Dziekanski, freaking out after spending 10 hours trapped in the Vancouver airport trying to find his mother was Tasered after he began throwing the furniture around. He died too. The Polish government summoned the Canadian ambassador looking for answers. Like the rest of us, Poland is still waiting.

Amnesty International recommends a time out

while we study these things further. By its count, more than 290 people have died in North America after being Tasered. And it's not even considered a weapon in the USA; you can Taser people who are annoying. By that criterion, I'd deploy mine 50-100 times a day.

While Tasers are a restricted weapon in Canada, police argue that they have saved 4,000 lives since they began using them in 1999. And as targets of the Taser

are usually dangerous individuals in the middle of a psychotic episode or drug-induced frenzy, they're not so easy to subdue — yet they obviously have to be subdued. Public safety depends on it...I think.

Okay, but watch the video of the Dziekanski incident. You're left with the uneasy feeling that the four officers surrounding the agitated man really didn't need to Taser him repeatedly — as many as four times, according to witnesses. An alternative might have been to find a Polish-speaking translator to try and calm the man down. There remains a lingering suspi-

cion that the officers applied the "annoying" criterion, and while the rules of engagement are still not clear, "annoying" just isn't good enough.

I'll leave you with this electrifying proposal: If Alberta's solicitor general thinks Tasers are safe, he should step up and take a shot or two in order to prove his thesis. Failing that, he should show some leadership and pull the plug before someone else dies while being "subdued."

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Election USA

Word on the street: What do you think of Barack Obama as president?

Maryam Mumayiz
age 19, Halifax

A: I absolutely love Barack Obama as president. I think he's the best hope for America. I just don't believe in anything McCain.



Amy Gilnder
age 19, Mississauga, Ont.

A: I think he's a good choice. The only thing I don't like about him is he blamed the fat cats on Wall Street for the depression and that's not really what it's about.



Rebecca Easton
age 20, London, Ont.

A: I think he's the better choice. Obama will do better things for the environment.



Mark Coleman
age 38, Toronto

A: Obama would make a better president. In light of what's going on in Afghanistan and Iraq, I think Barack is more in line with current society's standards and changes.



Michelle Lowe
age 34, Toronto

A: Obama's policies just seem more socially acceptable. I don't like McCain. He would be too conservative.



Ryan Steeles
age 22, Ottawa

A: It's going to be hard to live up to the hype. Even though he's a great candidate and a great person. I don't think that he's going to live up to the expectations.



Sherilyn Sutton
age 26, Calgary

A: I think it's awesome because the republicans have spent the last eight years destroying America.



Danielle Hrdlicka
age 21, Edmonton

A: He will get the States in more debt than what it currently is in now.



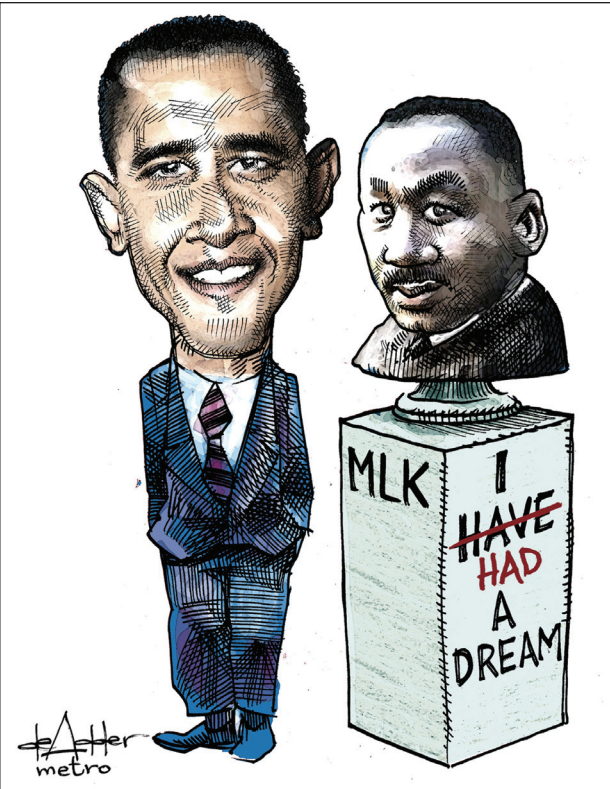
Shahriar Ahmad
age 26, Vancouver

A: Considering the options, I'm very, very pleased. U.S. foreign policy is a very difficult thing to reverse.



Fatima Casadei
age 27, Vancouver

A: I think it's about time! I think it's time for a change and it needs to happen and I hope that it does.



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Average gas prices drop below \$1 a litre

The national average for a litre of gas hovered around 98 cents before noon yesterday, according to Gasbuddy.com. The drop signalled that overall, prices are falling and stabilizing, said MP and gas expert Dan McTeague. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Business

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Bedford Frootique big winner:

Pete Luckett has walked away with three industry awards at Grocery Innovations Canada last week. Pete's Frootique Halifax won the Bronze 2008 Specialty Award. The Bedford Frootique received the Platinum Award, bestowed on an entry that has won 10 consecutive Award of Merits. The store was also inducted into the Hall of Fame, recognizing a store that has consistently demonstrated excellence.

Heritage pans selloff fears:

Heritage Gas operations in Amherst and the rest of Nova Scotia will not be hurt if the company's major stakeholder sells its stake, the company's president said. Sask Energy confirmed it's considering selling its 50.1 per cent holding in Heritage.

Windsor Home Hardware wins:

Acadian Mining Corporation has recorded a profit from operations of \$22,279 and a consolidated loss of \$158,729 on revenues of \$8,697,156 from zinc and lead concentrate sales for Q3. Performance was hurt by decreasing prices for zinc and lead, but a 1.9 per cent sales increase reflects significant overall improvements in operations.

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In brief

MANUFACTURING Canadian manufacturers are asking the federal government for loan guarantees and lines of credit to help them combat the effects of the global financial crisis, the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters association said yesterday.

AUTOS Magna International reported a loss yesterday of \$215 million US in its third quarter, compared with a net income of \$155 million US a year earlier. The auto-parts maker blamed the poor performance on plunging U.S. auto sales and a softening market in Europe that forced it to slash production and sales forecasts.

ENERGY Talisman Energy Inc. will cut spending by up to 9 per cent, or \$5.3 billion, this year and next to cope with the meltdown in energy and financial markets, even if it means output slips in some markets, the company's head said yesterday. The comments come after the company posted a quadrupled third-quarter profit of \$1.4 billion, and cash flow rose 48 per cent. **REUTERS**

TSX index rises with commodity prices

MARKETS The Toronto Stock Exchange's main index climbed 4 per cent yesterday to 10,116.58, to its highest close in two weeks as resource issues surged with rising commodity prices, and on relief that the uncertainty of the U.S. presidential election would be over later in the day.

Heavily weighted stocks that helped to push the market higher included Canadian Natural Resources, up 9 per cent at \$62.70, and Barrick Gold, which got an 10.1 per cent boost to close at \$28.97.

Those rises were in line with the broader strength in the key energy and materials sectors, which led the market higher, posting rises of 5.9 per cent and 10.2 per cent, respectively.

The price of crude settled up \$6.62 US at \$70.53 a barrel on signs Saudi Arabia and other OPEC members had made cuts in crude

exports, while gold and base metal prices rose on a weaker U.S. dollar.

The rally was due to a "little bit of everything" as investors shopped for over-sold, beaten-down stocks, said John Kinsey, portfolio manager at Caldwell Securities Ltd. **REUTERS**

Fido's barking up a much younger tree

The country's Big Three wireless providers — Rogers, Bell and Telus — are moving in the direction of cheaper cellphone plans and more billing transparency as the prospect of more

wireless competition in markets across Canada mounts.

With start-ups making noise about chasing the low-end of the market with flat-rate plans and easier-to-understand monthly bills, Rogers' youth-oriented Fido brand became the latest wireless provider to re-tool its approach by revealing a brand makeover yesterday that included a promise of "high-value low-price plans."

The move follows rival Telus Corp.'s creation of discount brand Koodo.

Sylvain Roy, Fido's senior vice-president and general manager, said the decision to "re-position" the dog-themed brand from one focused on attracting young urban professionals to one targeting price conscious first-time buyers was in recognition of a shifting wireless landscape.

"We're now going more into behavioural targeting, which is value-seekers and new entrants to the category that

"Value seekers and new entrants to the category ... are looking for simple but affordable price plans."

Sylvain Roy, Fido

are looking for simple but affordable price plans."

In particular, Roy said Fido is now aiming to attract the roughly 35 per cent of Canadians who do not yet own a cellphone, a relatively large market that several prospective new players have identified as ripe for the picking.

Part of the strategy for Fido will be to offer "all-in" plans that ditch extra charges such as the much-maligned "system access fee" and even the "911 fee."

The new Bell Canada Inc. wireless plan, unveiled earlier this week, lets subscribers "roll over" their unused minutes every month, which was touted as a first in Canada.

Observers said incumbents are seeking to protect market share from new entrants likely to be up and running next year after an Ottawa auction of wireless airwaves.

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Spooked Canadians redeem \$8.5B in funds

INVESTMENTS Canadian mutual fund investors were spooked in October as dismal stock markets prompted redemptions estimated at roughly \$8.5 billion, an industry group said yesterday.

That comes on the heels of net redemptions of \$4.5 billion in September, the

Investment Funds Institute of Canada said.

Equity markets were difficult for managers of all pooled investments, including pensions, exchange-traded funds and mutual funds, Pat Dunwoody, a vice-president of IFIC, said in a statement. **REUTERS**

Nortel could cut 5,000 jobs: Analysts

LAYOFFS Nortel Networks Corp could shed between 3,000 and 5,000 jobs from its 32,000 payroll when it details its latest restructuring plan next week, analysts said yesterday.

The company said in

September that a weak economy and spending cutbacks by the telecom companies that buy its equipment will lead to lower sales. It said these factors will necessitate new job cuts. **REUTERS**

Japan A new No. 1 electronics maker

Panasonic



People walk past an advertisement board of Panasonic outside an electronic shop in Tokyo yesterday. Shares in Panasonic Corp. jumped nearly 5 per cent yesterday, after sources said it planned to buy smaller rival Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd. to create Japan's largest electronics maker.

Former heavyweight champion Hasim Rahman has stepped in to fill the void created after Russian Alexander Povetkin pulled out of a IBF heavyweight title fight in December with Wladimir Klitschko. Rahman has a career record of 45-6 record (36 KOs), while Klitschko is 51-3 (45 KOs). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Logo to skip Olympics

Team Canada will be without its iconic hockey logo for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. The Canadian Olympic Committee says it will not ask for an IOC exemption to use the logo, which has been used at the past three Olympic games.

SOURCE: TSN.CA

A tale of two overtimes

NHL RECAP

Capitals 1 Senators 2 (OT)



Mike Fisher's first goal of the season came with 39.9 seconds left in overtime, boosting Ottawa to a 2-1 victory over the Washington Capitals. Fisher also assisted on Dany Heatley's second-period goal for his first two points of the season. This marked Ottawa's first-ever overtime win over the Capitals in eight such encounters. Alexander Ovechkin returned to

the ice after missing the previous two games while returning home to Russia to visit his ailing grandfather. Ovechkin had four shots on goal, but the Caps lost for the second straight contest. Niclas Wallin scored 1:52

Hurricanes 5 Leafs 4 (OT)



into overtime and the Carolina Hurricanes bested the Toronto Maple Leafs, 5-4, at Air Canada Centre to sweep a home-and-home set. Mikhail Grabovski had two goals and an assist for



The Sens' Mike Fisher scores the winning goal in the last minute of overtime in Ottawa.

the Maple Leafs, who have dropped three of their last five games. Niklas Hagman recorded a goal and an assist, while

rookie Nikolai Kulemin collected two helpers.

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'Freak accident' shelves Brodeur

NHL Martin Brodeur extended his reach on a slapshot against the Atlanta Thrashers on Saturday, heard a "pop" in his left elbow and felt a brief, sharp stabbing pain. Within a minute, he couldn't lift his arm. He knew that wasn't good.

Now one of the NHL's premier goaltenders now faces surgery to repair the distal bicep in his left elbow, and it will be at least eight weeks before he can begin rehabilitation. He won't be back in the NHL for three or four months.

"It's shocking," Brodeur said in a conference call yesterday. "You expect my knee's going to go, or my groin, or my stomach, or something I use a goalie. I didn't think a bicep could have been a big factor in an injury. That's why I think it's such a freak accident."

It's the first major surgery of the 36-year-old's career. Brodeur has been nothing shy of incredibly durable since entering the league full time in the 1993-94 season,

playing a remarkable 87 per cent of New Jersey Devils games since.

He's played fewer than 67 games only twice: his rookie year when he played 47 games, and the lock-out shortened 1994-95 season when he played 40 of 48 games.

Brodeur said he saw many specialists and doctors before deciding to proceed with surgery, in part because he feels very little pain.

"I have some pain in moving my wrist around a little bit because of the tendon being detached from the bone. Nothing crazy," said Brodeur.

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Buono's got a long list of fools

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I feel like a fool.

I mean, during all my years of covering sports, I've steadfastly believed that a home team has an advantage — a significant advantage, in fact — for playoff games, especially in the CFL.

Well, "only fools think" this way, according to Wally Buono.

Buono, who will surpass Don Matthews as the most victorious head coach in CFL history with five more triumphs, is adamant that home-field edges simply don't exist. Buono's B.C. Lions are 3.5-point underdogs for Saturday's Western Division semi-final — chiefly because the game is in Saskatchewan — but the coach considers the odds-makers foolish, too.

Oh, and Saskatchewan general manager Eric Tillman also is a fool in Buono's eyes.

"Consider me the ultimate fool," Tillman acknowledged sarcastically, adding Saskatchewan fans "matter big-time to our franchise ... and you can bet everything you own they're going to matter on Saturday."

• One of the Roughriders' key defensive players wears an insulin pump during games.

Defensive lineman John Chick has diabetes.

Sabermetrics

• A group that tracks every ball hit in MLB says New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter is the worst fielder in the game. Statistics guru Bill James and a panel of nine others rank Jeter 22nd among everyday shortstops and call him the veteran "the least effective defensive player in the major leagues, at any position."

"People are shocked at first because they don't think a person can play with that," Chick said.

"For me, it's a matter of overcoming something that people have struggled with, especially in the past. I'm glad to show that you can be as active as you want. You just have to take care and sacrifice some time to take control of it."

Check out Chick's web site, johnchick97.com where he answers questions regularly.

• The CFL has fined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' Kai Ellis \$1,000 for saying he wished he could put Buono



Buono

Montreal Alouettes' GM Jim Popp "in a coma." Ellis, who was cut by Popp earlier this season, is appealing ... After a woe-begone season in which his team failed to qualify for the playoffs, Michael (Pinball) Clemons is about to be removed as the Toronto Argonauts' president and will remain with the organization only if he agrees to return as head coach ... Noel Prefontaine, 34, is telling friends he probably won't return as the Edmonton Eskimos' punter next season. He'll test the free-agent market and may even retire ... He used to be known as Kamau Incompleterson for obvious reasons, but he was terrific this season for the Eskis and look for Kamau Peterson to be chosen the CFL's premier Canadian for 2008.

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL Toronto Blue Jays pitcher A.J. Burnett will opt out of the final two years of a five-year, \$55 million deal he signed with the club before the 2006 season. Burnett's agent, Darek Braunecker, met with team officials at the general managers meetings in California to inform the club of Burnett's decision. The pitcher was scheduled to make \$24 million over the final two years of the contract.

NFL The St. Louis Rams signed free agent running back Samkon Gado yesterday to serve as the team's third run-

ning back behind Steven Jackson and Antonio Pittman. Gado, 25, spent last season with the Texans and ran 35 times for 104 yards and three touchdowns. He added four catches for 47 yards.

NFL The Detroit Lions have signed free-agent quarterback Daunte Culpepper to a two-year contract, it was announced yesterday. No other terms of the contract were disclosed. The deal comes two days after the Lions dropped a 27-23 game against Chicago to move to 0-8 on the season.

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Ur takes top honours

Ben Ur of the Dalhousie Tigers men's soccer team earned the AUS male athlete of the week award yesterday. The second-year keeper from Halifax blanked the New Brunswick Varsity Reds in the AUS final Sunday in Sackville, N.B., and was tournament MVP. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Halifax lands 2010 Brier; Dacey pumped

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Mark Dacey can't help but wonder how loud the Metro Centre will be if a Nova Scotia team wins the 2010 Brier.

The veteran Mayflower skip looked on at the Time Out Sports Lounge yesterday morning as the Canadian Curling Association officially announced Halifax had been awarded the annual Canadian men's curling championship.

Dacey heard the crowd roar in 2003 — the last time the Brier was held in Halifax — when he advanced to the championship game, only to lose to Alberta's Randy Ferbey.

"When we walked out from underneath the stage into the open arena, it was probably the loudest roar I've ever heard for a curling event," said Dacey, who went on to win the Brier a year later in his home town of Saskatoon, Sask.

"When I think back to that, I'd love to have that experience again, only finish it with a better final chapter."

Dacey's excitement about yesterday's announcement echoes that of Nova Scotia's entire curling community.

The event, which has an estimated economic impact of \$25 million, will be held from March 6 to 14, with tickets on sale next February. Premier Rodney MacDonald, CCA chief executive officer Greg Stremmlaw, and event co-chairs



Skip Mark Dacey poses for a photo with the Brier Tankard following a press conference where it was announced that the 2010 Tim Hortons Brier will be held in Halifax. Dacey and his rink won the Brier in 2004.

Hugh Avery and Graham Harris were all on hand to unveil the news.

Halifax had little competition for the Brier, and Stremmlaw said it was essentially "their championship to lose."

The 42-year-old Dacey did not curl last year, but is back again with third Dave Stevenson, second Andrew Gibson and lead Kris Granchelli. Bruce Lohnes is the fifth man.

"I'm still trying to get back into it right now,"

Dacey said. "You're not going to be great right off the bat."

Dacey, a Tim Hortons franchisee, said the team has committed to stay together through the 2010 Brier. He said stability is crucial for any team aspiring to contend nationally.

"You don't see teams winning these days that are first-year teams," Dacey said. "The successful teams out there, (Kevin) Martin, (Glen) Howard and Ferbey ... They've all been together

for long stretches, and that's a key."

Competition will be fierce just to get to the Brier. Brian Rafuse and Shawn Adams, two of Dacey's toughest opponents, were on hand yesterday, and many others will be eager for a chance to compete for a national title on home ice.

"There's a script there to be written," Dacey said. "Let's hope it's a positive one for a Nova Scotia team."

Anthony getting season back on track

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QMJHL Halifax's Steven Anthony is trying to get on track after starting the QMJHL season on the wrong foot.

The 17-year-old Saint John Sea Dogs forward lost about 10 pounds early in the season after coming down with a stubborn flu and a bad cough. It's hardly what he was hoping for after putting in a summer of training in the hopes of establishing himself as a prospect for the 2009 NHL draft.

"When you work hard all summer to put on that weight, and then you get sick and you lose it, it's pretty



Steven Anthony

rough," Anthony said. "Lately, I've been getting my feet under me, so hopefully I can go from here. I'm on the right track."

Anthony, who was drafted 10th overall in the 2007 QMJHL draft, has collected three goals and six assists through 20 games. Most recently, he's had a chance to skate with some gifted offensive players, including Toronto Maple Leafs draft pick Chris DiDomenico, Sydney native Ryan Sparling, and fellow Dartmouth Subways grad Michael Kirkpatrick.

The 6-foot-2, 200-pounder said the offensive role is a nice fit after toiling on third and fourth lines last year.

"I'm a lot more comfortable now and I'm getting lots of shots, starting to

skate and use my size," Anthony said. "I just need to start bearing down on my chances."

Anthony has always been a highly-touted prospect, facing lofty expectations and scouting scrutiny. He knows he's under the microscope now more than ever, with NHL teams deciding whether he's worth drafting — and if so, how high.

"When you're thinking about the draft, you're not playing your game," Anthony said. "I've just tried to skate, shoot and play my game. I think that's what they're looking for."

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Olympics won't hurt 2010 Brier, CCA says

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CURLING Even though the 2010 Brier will come on the heels of the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, the Canadian Curling Association doesn't believe Halifax's attendance will take a hit.

CCA chief executive officer Greg Stremmlaw said yesterday he expects the Canadian men's curling championship at the Metro Centre to set a new Halifax attendance mark.

The five-time host's previous best attendance was 158,144, a total set in 2003 that stands eighth all-time.

"It's two-fold," Stremmlaw said, of the Olympic impact. "It's a challenge and it's an opportunity."

"Will there be a post-

Olympic letdown? We hope not. If we leverage the 2010 Olympic experience, it may elevate and accentuate the tournament here."

The fact that the Olympics are being held in Vancouver actually helped Halifax land the Brier. Because most of the major curling events that year are being held on the West Coast, including the Roar of the Rings Olympic trials in Edmonton, the CCA didn't want to the East Coast to be shut out.

Stremmlaw hopes curling fever will hit Atlantic Canada.

"There's going to be such a passion for Olympic amateur sport in that year," Stremmlaw said. "I think it's actually going to help the attendance. It's going to help the event."

Ezurike helps Canada advance

SOCCER Lower Sackville's Nkem Ezurike has helped Canada advance to the quarterfinals at the FIFA women's under-17 World Cup in New Zealand. The 16-year-old striker started all three round-robin games, seeing 205 minutes of field time and scoring one of the team's two goals as Canada went 1-0-2, second in its group. Canada faces Germany (2-1-0) in the quarterfinals on Friday at 11 p.m., streamed live on cbcports.ca.

Voracek edged for top rookie honours

NHL Former Halifax Mooseheads star Jakub Voracek was named a finalist yesterday for the NHL's rookie of the month award. The Columbus Blue Jackets first-year forward had three goals and four assists in 10 games and is third in the rookie scoring race behind teammate Derrick Brassard, who won rookie of the month, and Dallas Stars forward Fabian Brunnstrom.

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Sports in brief

QMJHL The Mooseheads named captain Graham Bona player of the month for October yesterday. The 20-year-old defenceman from Spryfield had a goal, an assist, 30 given hits and a minus-4 rating in 10 games. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Nashville at Vancouver				
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TONIGHT'S GAMES				
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in 14 different vehicle categories were announced, by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC).

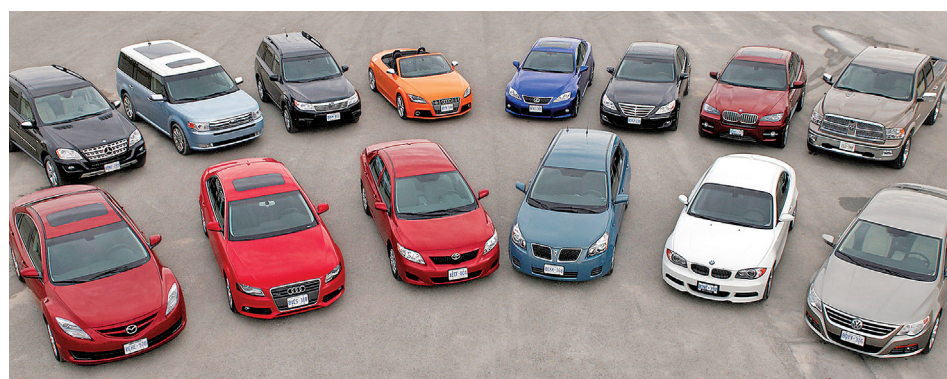
After five days of intense testing, the 2009 "Best New" AJAC award winners

The purpose of the AJAC awards is to provide consumers with a valuable re-

source that comprises comparative information on vehicles that are new to the market.

Are consumers listening? It would appear so.

Maritz Research, on behalf of AJAC and in associa-



The winners of the 14 categories of the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) Canadian Car of the Year (CCOTY) category winners have been announced. They are, back row from left: Mercedes-Benz M-Class BlueTec, Ford Flex, Subaru Forester, Audi TTS, Lexus IS-F, Hyundai Genesis, BMW X6 (later declared out-pointed by co-winners Mercedes CL550 4Matic, Mercedes SL63 AMG) and Dodge Ram. Front row from left: Mazda6, Audi A4, Toyota Corolla, Pontiac Vibe, BMW 135i Coupe and Volkswagen Passat CC.

tion with General Motors of Canada Ltd., conducted a survey of 2008 Buick Enclave purchasers to test their recognition of AJAC, the AJAC awards and the Buick Enclave as the winner of the Best New SUV Over \$60,000 award for 2008.

Seventy four per cent of the 2008 Buick Enclave buyers who were aware of the AJAC Awards program when they purchased their vehicles knew that the Enclave was voted Best New SUV Over \$60,000, a record high-point for awareness. And of those buyers, 41 per cent said the award had a positive influence on their buying decision.

That is a concrete measure of how influential the AJAC Canadian Car of the Year Awards have become.

For that reason, the vote results that determined the

winners are available on the AJAC web site www.ajac.ca, for use by consumers as a resource buying guide when researching the purchase of a new car, truck, SUV, or CUV for 2009.

2009 CATEGORY WINNERS

BEST NEW SMALL CAR

(under \$18k): Toyota Corolla

(over \$18k): Pontiac Vibe

BEST NEW FAMILY CAR

(\$22k-\$30k): Mazda6

(over \$30k): Volkswagen Passat CC

BEST NEW LUXURY CAR

(under \$50k): Hyundai Genesis

(over \$50k): Audi A4

BEST NEW PRESTIGE CAR

Mercedes CL 550 and Mercedes SL 63 AMG (tie)

BEST NEW SPORTS/PERFORMANCE CAR

(under \$50k): BMW 135i Coupe

(over \$50k): Lexus IS F

BEST NEW CONVERTIBLE

Audi TTS

BEST NEW PICKUP TRUCK

Dodge Ram

BEST NEW SUV/CUV

(under \$35k): Subaru Forester

(\$35k-\$60k): Ford Flex

(over \$60k): Mercedes-Benz M-Class BlueTEC

The 14 category winners listed above now go on to compete for the honour of being either the 2009 Canadian Car of the Year or the 2009 Canadian Utility Vehicle of the Year.

These overall winners will be announced on February 11, 2009, at the 2009 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto.

The 2009 Best New Design and Best New Technology winners will also be declared at that time.

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Automotive in brief

TEST Nissan has launched a community-based test of its Intelligent Transport System (ITS), integrating cellular communications with vehicle telematics to help prevent

pedestrian-related accidents. The pilot project is being conducted over a two-month period from Nov. 1 to Dec. 27. This represents the first and largest such experiment

of its kind, involving 500 pedestrians and 200 drivers, and in collaboration with NTT DoCoMo Inc, the largest mobile network operator in Japan.

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Down on the farm — in the jungles of Belize

If you tire of Mayan ruins and jungle hikes, pay a visit to Belize's Mennonites

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Deep in the jungles of Central America, where jaguars, crocodiles and Howler monkeys are king, visitors may spot something out of the ordinary. Women in bonnets, suited up in wooly winter frocks; men dressed in overalls and straw cowboy hats; children riding stone-faced in horse-drawn buggies.

A Mennonite settlement in the heart of the jungles of Belize may seem like a hallucination brought on by the intense humidity and hypnotizing buzz of cicadas. But this is no illusion. Amidst Mayan ruins



JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

Though many residents in the Indian Creek community shy away from outsiders, Abe is keen to show tourists the life of a Belizean Mennonite.

over grown by moss, there are some 5,000 Mennonites living in this small Central American country, bordering Mexico and Guatemala.

Mennonites, I learned, are a Protestant religious sect, first formed in the

Netherlands in the 16th century. While there are 1 million worldwide, many have settled throughout Belize, among the towns of Orange Walk, Shipyard and Indian Creek. Belize's government welcomed them

Many cultures

Though Belize has only 290,000 inhabitants, it has a variety of distinct cultural groups, according to the Belize Tourism Board: Creole, Garifuna (a mix of Carib Indians and Africans), Spanish, Maya, Mestizo (a mix of Spanish and Maya), English, Mennonite, Lebanese, Chinese, and East Indian.

and praised their farming expertise, which accounts for much of the country's produce. They live a simple, ultra-conservative life in closed farming communities.

Tourists staying at the Lamanai Outpost Lodge, an eco-resort that offers a jungle expeditions to nearby ruins, may arrange a visit to a Mennonite community.

From the air-conditioned comfort of the 4 X 4 Land Rover, I travelled a few kilometres to Indian Creek,

home to some 1,400 Mennonites. From the back of the car, I watched the landscape change from a lush jungle of tangled vines, to vast, clear-cut pastoral farmlands.

White farm houses dotted the countryside, laundry meticulously hung on front yard clotheslines, angelic children in flower-print dresses ran through fields.

The Land Rover stopped abruptly in front of a horse-and-buggy, and I scrambled out of the car to meet Abe, a respected member of the Mennonite community who agreed to show me around. Wearing blue overalls and a crisp marine blue shirt, droplets of sweat gathering on his upper lip, Abe shook my hand with a firm paw. A kind man with a family of four girls, he

was warm and welcoming.

Though many residents shy away from outsiders, Abe is keen to show people around. He explained that Mennonites here refuse to use modern technology. No television, no cell phones, no electricity, no cars. Abe told me that the reasoning behind it is to create a strong family unit, without the distractions or temptations of modernity.

A horse and buggy packed with cloaked women sped along the unpaved road. Air thick with moisture, my back dripping with sweat, I couldn't imagine what it must be like to wear such heavy layers of petticoats and dresses everyday.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN; juliadimon.com.

Lost treasure

Items found in luggage at the Unclaimed Baggage Centre in

Scottsboro, AL, include a 40.95-carat natural emerald, a full suit of armour, a rattle snake, a parachute, Egyptian artifacts, a 5.8-carat solitaire diamond ring and a guidance system for an F16 fighter jet. See unclaimedbaggage.com.

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Fawcett case

Lawanda Jackson, a former employee of Los Angeles' UCLA Medical Center, pleaded not guilty to charges she sold information from actress Farrah Fawcett's medical records to the National Enquirer. IMDB.COM



We are family

New exhibit looks at the experiences of LGBTQ families living in Nova Scotia

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Terrah Keener wants to open up the discussion more to the experiences of being a non-heterosexual parent.

And the Halifax artist feels this will be accomplished, with the opening of a new exhibit at Pier 21's Ralph and Rose Chiodo Harbourside Gallery, titled *We Are: Expressions of Family a Queer Experience*.

"What I really wanted to do with this is broaden how we look at families and challenge people to re-think, maybe, how they define family and what they think makes up a family," explained Keener, the curator for this community-based art exhibit, which opens on Saturday.

"I want to see everyone come out to see it (too). It's important for, let's say, the general public to see it, but it's also important for people in the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and

queer) community to see it."

The roughly 30-piece exhibit is the work of LGBTQ parents and their children who are mostly from Nova Scotia.

The artwork expresses and represents the wide range of experiences they face as a family, and includes photographs, photo illustrations, collages and three-dimensional boxes.

Keener said an exhibit like this is new to galleries. She only knew of one similar to this that travelled around the United States and was entirely photography-based.

"You can't paint the brush that all gay and lesbian families are the same," said Keener, who has a partner of 13 years, and two sons aged seven and three-and-a-half.

"We all have very different experiences and we have created our families differently."

A free public opening reception and family fun day will be held at Pier 21 on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to officially open the exhibit, which will be on display until Nov. 27.

At the opening, visitors can meet the families featured in the exhibit and participate in craft and activities.

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Terrah Keener, curator

tant for the community to see it and see their experiences," Keener said.

"So often, our experiences are left out of things. Our voices, our stories, are not included in a lot of discussions around Canadian identity."



Terrah Keener, curator of *We Are: Expressions of Family a Queer Experience*, hangs one of the works appearing at the exhibit at Pier 21.

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Photographers focus their lenses on loved ones

ART A new show titled *Intimate Portraits II* is opening today at View-Point Gallery in on Barrington Street in Halifax.

The exhibit is the work of 14 photographers who have taken portraits of people close to them — from mothers and fathers, to sons and daughters — and put them on display at

the gallery for visitors to see.

"We're hoping people would recognize their own special people in their lives by looking at these photographs," said Dartmouth's Laura Siddiqui, one of the photographers taking part in the month-long exhibit.

"There's a quality of the photographs that they would see and would be familiar to them."

Siddiqui has two photos in *Intimate Portraits II*. One is of her sister in a kitchen, and the second of her husband during their honeymoon in Montreal.

The exhibit is on display until Nov. 30, with an opening reception tomorrow from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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If you go

- **WHAT:** *We Are: Expressions of Family a Queer Experience*
- **WHEN:** Opening Saturday with an opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit remains on display until Nov. 27.
- **WHERE:** Pier 21's Ralph and Rose Chiodo Harbourside Gallery.

Acclaimed vocalist Jay Clayton to perform in Halifax

PERFORMANCE Internationally acclaimed vocalist, composer and educator Jay Clayton is coming to Halifax later this month, and her visit will include a live duo concert with Jerry Granelli.

Clayton, whose four decades of work spans the terrain between jazz and new music, will also give two workshops that will take place along with the concert at 1313 Hollis.

The concert takes place on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. and will see Clayton and Granelli perform songs from their 1986 duo record *Sound Songs*. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and are available at the door.

As for the workshops, Granelli will teach Improvisation Masterclass for Vocalists on Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Improvisation Masterclass for Vo-

cals and Instruments on Sunday, Nov. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost for registration is \$65 for both workshops, and \$50 for Saturday only and \$30 for Sunday only.

For more information or to register, contact JazzEast Rising Association executive director Laura (Lulu) Healy at 492-0812 or by e-mail at cmw@jazzeast.com.

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Jay Clayton

Entertainment in brief

THEATRE The King's Theatrical Society is presenting *God, by Woody Allen*, tonight through Saturday in The Pit at the University of King's College. Shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for non-students.

CONCERT Infected Mushroom, with special guest Andy Ares, is performing at The Marquee Club on Friday, Nov. 21. Advance tickets are \$15. They're available at wanttickets.com/embrace.

BENEFIT Cape Breton fiddler Ashley MacIsaac will perform in support of Forum for Young Canadians on Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth. Tickets for the show, titled *Ashley MacIsaac LIVE! With Special Guests*, are available by calling 1-888-311-9090 or online at ticketpro.ca. The show includes performances by Cape Breton fiddler Jerry Holland and singer-songwriter Aaron MacDonald.

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Allen sued over Wild Hogs

Actor Tim Allen is facing legal action over his 2007 movie Wild Hogs. A Florida-based production company is accusing him of stealing their idea. IMDB.COM



James Bond's mass appeal

RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Canada



I was shooting a wedding when I saw him — the 10-year-old nephew of the bride, strutting and preening in his first rented tuxedo. He was going through a James Bond phase, his father and uncles explained, both amused and a little proud, no doubt remembering the first time they had let themselves become obsessed with Ian Fleming's secret agent.

For several weeks now, I've been researching a Becoming James Bond series for Metro, and without exception, every man I've spoken to along the way, from luxury car salesmen to caviar importers to haberdashers to wine and spirits experts, has proved to be a James Bond expert in their own right, able to quote lines from the books and scenes from the movies with obvious familiarity.

Few men are as willing



Daniel Craig, left, and Gemma Arterton in a scene from the new James Bond film Quantum of Solace.

to take their Bond obsession as far as Michael Newitt, a 41-year-old who was arrested in England last month for posing as a secret agent to keep ahead of creditors. According to a story in the U.K.'s Guardian newspaper, Newitt had fooled several local police officers and even his own wife with his story of being "a special operations commander with MI5, the Foreign Office and counter-terrorism units," and would sleep with a replica gun beside

his bed and suddenly disappear on "missions."

He'd even awarded himself the rank of commander and obtained impressive fake ID that gave him the title CMG — "a high-ranking award fictitiously presented to James Bond in the story From Russia With Love."

The magic of Bond is that his appeal is multifold, and changes to suit every stage of a man's life. For the pre-teen boy, Bond is a more plausible superhero for a time when men in

cap and tights are starting to seem a bit ludicrous, even undignified. For the teenager, he's enviably adult without being dull, suggesting a possibility of life without tedious routine.

For the man in his 20s, all too aware of how routine and responsibility are closing in on him, Bond is a rebel who gets applauded for breaking the rules, enjoying the perquisites of adulthood — risk, reward, luxury and apparently guiltless sex — without obligations to prudence or fidelity.

For men in their 30s and 40s, he's the consummate professional, esteemed and disciplined, with an apparently perpetual free pass exempting him from midlife crisis. Finally, for older men, Bond is a reminder of a time when they when they could draw from both youth and experience, a totem of virility that gets renewed every few years onscreen by a new man clearly in his prime.

Women would probably do well to watch a few

Bond films when getting to know a man, if only to give them something to talk about.

And while most men aren't as delusional as "Commander" Newitt, they'd like to imagine that they are, somewhere, half as capable and suave as Bond. If women are as nurturing as we presume, they'll let us cling to this lonely, forlorn hope.

Theron settles suit over watch

PEOPLE Charlize Theron has settled a \$20-million US lawsuit with the luxury watchmaker that accused her of breach of contract, IMDB.COM reports.

Bosses at Raymond Weil claimed they paid Theron the sum to wear its watches exclusively. According to court documents, Theron broke their agreement when she "was photographed wearing a watch from the Christian Dior line."

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Simon's elegantly simple success

SIMPLE SIMON: No one apparently finds Simon Cowell as fascinating as Simon Cowell, but a close second would be his fellow Brits, who regularly publish long, lavishly-illustrated interviews such as the one that ran this weekend in the UK Daily Mail tabloid.

On this side of the Atlantic he's famous, and gets the recommended quota of press due to anyone truly successful, but he isn't taken nearly as seriously, probably because he's a) apparently just some guy who tells people they suck on a singing contest, or at least that's what he looks like to most Canadians and Americans, and b) English, and therefore over here just to give us an example of how to be really blunt, even rude, but still sound remarkably erudite in the process (see Ramsay, Gordon; Osbourne, Sharon; Morgan, Piers.)

(And yes, I'm trying my level best not to say anything about the U.S. presidential election, writing this as I am on the day the country is going to the

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polls. I've had enough, and would love to avoid the topic for as long as the candidates have been on the campaign trail, which seems like a couple of years by now.)

"On the surface, it's very hard to take the man seriously," the Mail writes, doing their best to mimic bewilderment.

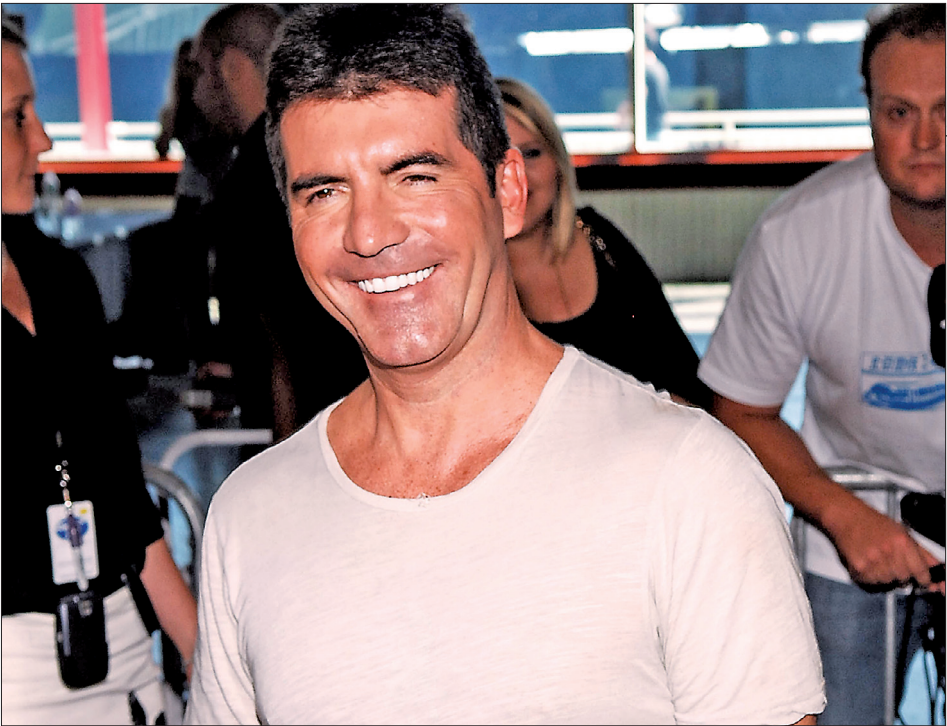
"Like a latter-day Peter Stringfellow or Tony Curtis, he happily admits he never went to university, prefers the tabloids to the broadsheets and would rather have a night out with a Page Three girl than a media dinner at The Ivy."

Translated from British to English, that means he's a common sort of man, and a lightweight by the standards of the journalistic elite, but that probably

Simon Cowell's made his fortune twice over in music, but never listens to it in his spare time. 'I wish I could have signed the Beatles,' he told the Mail, 'but not for the music. I wish I'd signed them for the royalties.'

accounts for why Cowell, a character of no real pronounced tastes except for flash cars, has become rich anticipating the tastes of the broadest number of people, and not the smallest, despite their risible claims to tastemaker status.

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Friend and boy band manager Louis Walsh despairs that Cowell has never turned on the fully-loaded iPod he bought him as a present, but I'd venture that taste and enthusiasm would be a liability

when you're trying to mine and manufacture the sort of music that more than half the population will not only tolerate but purchase. You can't argue with success, but in Cowell's case, you can pretend

to be confounded by it, in spite of the elegantly simple logic that made it possible.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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critics' corner

Little Mosque on the Prairie They want him to do what? In this new episode, Yasir (Carlo Rota) is interested in making some more business contacts, so he joins a local men's lodge. Unfortunately for him, these guys have some interests he doesn't share, and he's expected to participate. Up first is a hunting trip — so not his thing. 8 PM on CBC



The New Adventures of Old Christine Doesn't everyone bring his or her ex along on a date? In this new episode, Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) invites Richard (Clark Gregg) along when she goes out to dinner with her new beau, Patrick (guest star Tim DeKay). Hmm, maybe she wants to show Richard how much better she can do? Hamish Linklater and Emily Rutherford also star. 9 PM on CBS

She's Got the Look Props to this new competitive reality series for giving real women a shot at the runway. It's looking for the next great model ... but all the contestants are 35 and older. And they'll have some industry heavy hitters advising and judging them along the way, including supermodel Beverly Johnson, stylist Robert Verti and Sean Patterson, president of the powerhouse Wilhelmina modeling agency. Kim Alexis hosts. 11 PM on W

24 returns after nearly two years

TELEVISION Fox will premiere the first new regular episode of 24 in nearly two years on Sunday, Jan. 11, the network said Monday. The seventh season of the real-time thriller will kick off with a two-hour episode, followed by another two-hour segment the next night. Fox used a similar rollout plan for 2007's sixth season premiere in January 2007. A two-hour prequel movie 24: Redemption will give viewers a head start on the season when it airs on Sunday, Nov. 23. REUTERS

Surfers enter not guilty plea

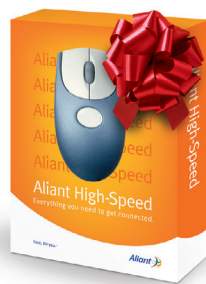
COURTS Two surfers pleaded innocent Monday to charges they attacked a paparazzo taking pictures of actor Matthew McConaughy on a beach. Philip Hildebrand, 30, and Skylar Peak, 24, are charged with misdemeanor battery for a June 21 clash that pitted surfers against paparazzi in Malibu. REUTERS

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Celebrity Buzz

Winslet shoots down airbrushing rumour

IMAGE Actress Kate Winslet has denied she resorted to airbrushing to sweep away excess pounds for a sexy new photoshoot, imdb.com reports.

Winslet posed for a Catherine Deneuve-inspired shoot for Vanity Fair magazine on a couch, wearing nothing but stockings, high heels and a fur throw.

Winslet's figure has drawn accusations that the pictures were digitally altered to remove her famous curves. But a spokesman for the star is adamant that the photos are genuine, attributing

Winslet's new look to her healthy regime.

"There's been absolutely no airbrushing at all. All she has had is the standard retouching they do on any photoshoot, adjusting skin tone and so on. I know she is thrilled with the photos. She's in very good shape at the moment," the representative tells British newspaper the Independent.

Winslet slammed editors at British GQ magazine in 2003 for airbrushing her figure, accusing them of making her look like she was "six feet tall and a size 2."

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Carrie soothes Simpson's fears

RELATIONSHIPS Carrie Underwood has a message for fellow singer Jessica Simpson: She and ex Tony Romo have not spoken in months, People.com reports.

"I haven't talked to him since, like, May," Underwood, 25, tells Elle in its December issue.

"It was just something that was said in passing," the country singer says, referring to an interview in which she said Romo still called her. "I would never mean to say anything to hurt any-

body or to stir up anything because I'm just not about drama — at all."

As for reports that Simpson was upset by the claims, Underwood says, "I might be mad too if somebody said my boyfriend was calling some other girl. So I can definitely see where (she) would be coming from."

Asked about her current dating life, Underwood emphatically shot down rumours that she dated Olympian Michael Phelps.

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celebrity brief

Jada fought for her hippo's life

ROLE Actress Jada Pinkett Smith only agreed to voice a hippo in the new Madagascar movie when filmmakers reportedly promised her character wouldn't die, imdb.com reports. Pinkett Smith leaped at the chance to play seductive hippo Gloria in Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa when she found out she wouldn't be killed off before the credits rolled.

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Bachelorette calls off engagement

SPLIT The wedding is off. The Bachelorette stars DeAnna Pappas and Jesse Csincsak have ended their relationship, Csincsak says on the couple's website, People.com reports.

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celebrity brief

Kidman says birth was actually easy

FAMILY Actress Nicole Kidman was terrified of giving birth to her daughter Sunday, but was pleasantly surprised to find the experience "easy," imdb.com reports.

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FameThrower

Joe O'Neill



Joe's take on celebrities

There's good news if your doctor has told you to get more eyeball exercise. That vast repository of lies and Botox, **Nicole Kidman**, continues to challenge **Angelina Jolie** as the celebrity most likely to say things that make them roll. In fact, there is a rumour in Hollywood that every time someone tells a lie, **Nicole Kidman** gets a royalty.

Kidman says she was expecting childbirth to be a 40-hour ordeal, or roughly half the length of what The Golden Compass felt like to watch, but since she had her hubby, the ironically named country singer **Keith Urban**, as her 'rock,' and since he has a magical ability to endow her with strength using only his eyes, it was nothing. Given that **Kidman** was once married to **Tom Cruise**, I don't question her ability to gauge pain, and looking at pictures of her forehead, I think she is an excellent judge of rocks, but where this story falls down for me is the idea that she would even consider enduring pain greater than that entailed in an eyebrow tweeze, unless there was an Oscar nomination in it for her.

The truth is probably that the child was born by C-section while **Nicole** was under full anesthetic, lying on a bed of liquid honey.

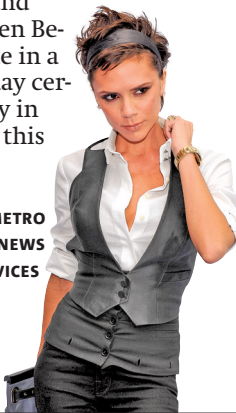
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celebrity brief

Victoria snubs Mel B's invite

VOWS Victoria Beckham has reportedly snubbed an invitation to fellow former Spice Girl Mel Brown's wedding, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Brown is renewing her vows with her film producer husband Stephen Belafonte in a four-day ceremony in Egypt this week.

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Men use me for fame, Paris says

RELATIONSHIPS "Every other guy I've been out with has used me for money or sex — but in most cases they just want fame. It made it hard to trust people." That's Paris Hilton, talking to Britain's News of the World as she promotes the U.K. version of her BFF series, MSN Entertainment reports.

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Ex may want Jen back

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston's ex-fiancé Tate Donovan has been phoning the actress to tell her she was the "love of his life," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who recently rekindled her relationship with singer John Mayer, is said to be considering giving her relationship with

Donovan a second chance. "Jennifer cannot believe it. A few months ago she was single and heartbroken, and now she has got two men professing their love for her," said a source close to Aniston, who split from Donovan in 1995 after three years of dating.

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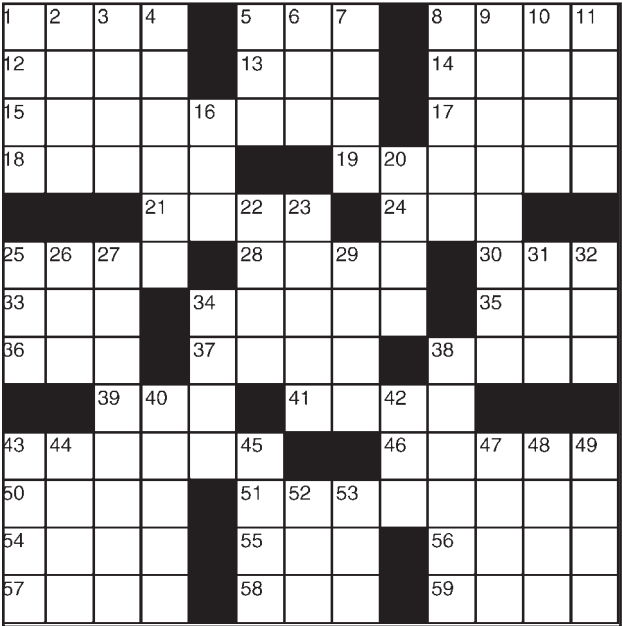
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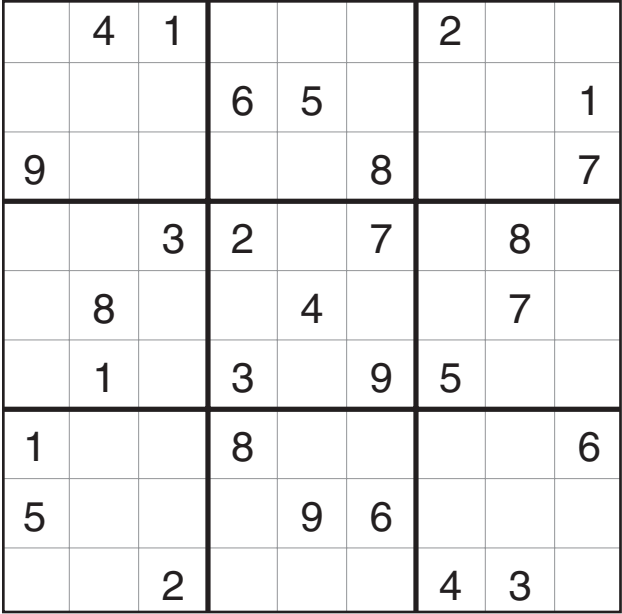
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Sudoku

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Crossword across

- 1 Lysol target
5 Rage
8 Dreary
12 Finished
13 Rotation duration
14 Mature
15 Steer
17 Small bit
18 Martini garnish
19 Perceive intuitively
21 Grounded flock
24 Cribbage scorer
25 Related
28 Droops
30 Tray contents
33 Neither partner
34 Dessert there's "always
- room for"
35 Ball prop
36 Melody
37 Gaelic
38 Smile broadly
39 Hockey surface
41 Initial chip
43 "African Queen" star
46 Nixon's veep
50 Verve
51 Bind legally
54 Baptism, e.g.
55 Halloween call
56 Hebrew month
57 Leaves
58 Deviate off course
59 Assessment

Crossword down

- 1 "Kissing disease"
2 Ellipse
3 Jeans-maker Strauss
4 Compelled
5 Mrs. McKinley
6 Snitch
7 Ogled
8 Somber
9 Battle in court
10 "Once — atime ..."
11 Fast-spreading concept
16 Jewel
20 Facto preceder
22 Addict
23 Tortilla topping
25 Literary collection
26 Japanese pond carp
27 Water
- 29 Secluded valley
31 Vast expanse
32 Height of fashion
34 Scoff (at)
38 Panhandler
40 Some Christmas candy
42 Skater Babilonia
43 Titanic's downfall
44 Hodgepodge
45 Sir — Belch, of "Twelfth Night"
47 Zilch, south of the border
48 Coup d'—
49 Existed
52 Feathery neckwear
53 Depressed

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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7	3	2	6	9	8	4	1	5

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	Genius	
13-17 min.....	Scholar	
	21-25 min	Not bad
	25+ min.....	Keep practising

Recipe of the day



Penne with sugar snaps and smoked salmon

- INGREDIENTS:**
12 oz (375 g) penne or ziti pas-ta
1 lb (500 g) sugar snap peas, strings removed
1/3 cup (75 mL) snipped fresh dill
3 scallions, thinly sliced
3/4 cup (175 mL) chicken broth
3 tbsp (45 mL) reduced-fat sour cream
1 tbsp (15 mL) unsalted butter
1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon zest
2 tbsp (25 mL) lemon juice
1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
4 oz (125 g) smoked salmon, slivered

METHOD:
1. In large pot of boiling water, cook pasta according to pack-age directions until firm-ten-der. Add sugar snaps to water

during final 1 minute of cook-ing; drain.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine dill, scallions, broth, sour cream, butter, lemon zest, lemon juice and salt. Add hot pasta and sugar snaps, tossing well. Add smoked salmon and toss again.

PER SERVING:
450 calories, 7 g fat, 4 g satu-rated fat, 850 mg sodium, 75 g carbohydrate, 21 g protein.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
See a specialist if a head prob-lem persists. Your closest friend knows your deepest feelings. Expect a surprising change in-volving social plans.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Food bills are getting out of hand. Demand that paperwork be shown to authority figures. A trusted friend decides to let work wait.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Sabotage is commented upon. A disheartening discussion causes a critical washout. An acquaintance reconciles unre-lenting combatants.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Someone starts a family quar-rel. A secret note will overcome someone's pride. A reality check creates a tripping haz-ard.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A moody person will cause you to refuse to take sides. Roman-tic risks will increase late at night. A woman gets back to work.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Avoid meddling by breathing deeply. Back away from over-whelming emotions. You'll want to withdraw after a zesty encounter.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may not appreciate a peak experience. Someone is secre-tly in financial trouble. Use your ability to lead others to greater clarity.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Anxiety will affect your love life. A reward seems beyond your reach. Try not to confront a wild and crazy guy.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Harsh things will be said about a superior person. Love takes you on a wild ride. A youth will continue to baffle a sceptic.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There's good and bad news in legal matters. An ambitious co-worker should be taken seri-ously. Don't get caught helping a cruel person.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Premonitions continue throughout day. A friend wants to play with you. A man will have an earth-shaking dream.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Indecision fades when you heed sound advice. A higher level of consciousness is found. Playing by the rules eliminates confusion.

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1. "Hold your horses, Aussie chum!" (1)
2. Escargot path (1)
3. Untidy Olympian Owens (2)
4. Oscar-winning Hilary's army levels (1)
5. Toast spread severer (2)
6. O-ring holder, as for Easter eggs (2)
7. Firmly fixed and stable big beer mug (2)

ANSWERS: 1. WAT MATE 2. SNAIL TRAIL 3. MESSY JESSE 4. SWANKS RANKS 5. BUTTER CUTTER 6. GASNET BASKET 7. ANCHORED TANKARD

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

This day in history

- NOV. 5, 1743: Coordinated scientific observations of the tran-sit of Mercury were organized by Joseph-Nicolas Delisle.
- NOV. 5, 1872: Women's suffrage: In defiance of the law, suffragist Susan B. Anthony votes for the first time, and is lat-er fined \$100.
- NOV. 5, 1895: George B. Selden is granted the first U.S. patent for an automobile.
- NOV. 5, 1945: Colombia joins the United Nations.
- NOV. 5, 1995: André Dallahire attempts to assassinate Jean Chrétien; he is thwarted when the Prime Minister's wife locks the door.

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